



STK-071 CPA2 (CRF 137)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David C. Rueger and Marjorie M. Tucker  
Serial No. : 08/822,186 Confirmation No.: 6062  
Filed : March 20, 1997  
Examiner : D. Romeo  
Group Art Unit : 1647  
For : IMPROVED OSTEOGENIC DEVICES AND METHODS  
OF USE THEREOF FOR REPAIR OF  
ENDOCHONDRAL BONE AND OSTEOCHONDRAL  
DEFECTS

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Hon. Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the January 13, 2003  
Restriction Requirement in the above-identified  
application. Applicants are filing this reply before the  
expiration of the shortened statutory period for this reply  
-- April 13, 2003 -- and thus no extension fee is due.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows\*:

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\* An "Appendix of Amendments" is attached as Exhibit A,  
showing the claim amendments.

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